Monthly Market Summary

Market Update and Economic Developments

- The S&P 500 Index returned 6.61% in June, bringing its total return to 16.89% for the first half of 2023. Despite concerns of sluggish economic expansion, equity markets remain resilient.
- Although economic activity appears to be waning, macroeconomic data remains strong. In May, core retail sales rose 0.4%, surpassing expectations. Additionally, housing activity, including home sales, building permits, and housing starts, experienced a rebound.
- In May, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.1 %, lower than April's 0.4 % increase. Shelter was the largest contributor, increasing 0.6 % over the month. In the last 12 months, CPI has increased 4%.



Benchmark Indexes: Large Cap = S&P 500; Mid Cap = Russell Mid Cap; Small Cap = Russell 2000; International Developed = MSCI EAFE; Emerging Markets = MSCI EM.



Monthly Market Summary

Fixed Income Market Update and Other Assets

- After 15 months, the Federal Reserve took its first rate pause, maintaining its target rate range of 5-5.25%. Jerome Powell, Chair of the U.S. Federal Reserve, informed lawmakers that although the pace of rate hikes by the Fed has decelerated, it is probable that the central bank will proceed with further rate hikes later this year.
- Following Jerome Powell's announcement of additional rate hikes this year, inversion of the yield curve intensified, with 2-year treasuries yielding more than 100 basis points more than 10-year treasuries. Core Fixed Income returned -0.36% in June.
- Energy prices remain subdued this year, particularly in comparison to price peaks in gas, power, and other commodity markets in late 2022. Midstream energy returned 7.23% in June.

FIXED INCOME AND OTHERS



Domestic Fixed Income - Barclays US Agg; Municipal Bonds - Barclays 4-6 Yr Muni; High Yield - Barclays US Corp. HY; Floating Rate Corporate Loans - S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index; Commodities - Bloomberg Commodity; MLPs - Alerian Midstream Energy.

